

WHEELING AFLAME WITH ENTHUSIASM FOR G.O.P. TICKET

Workmen Demand a Return
to Protective Tariff
Principle.

3,000 IN THE PARADE

Biggest Crowd the Auditorium
Ever Saw Heard
the Speaking.

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian)
WHEELING, Nov. 3.—Wheeling last night staged the greatest Republican demonstration ever given in this city, and probably the greatest ever given in West Virginia. The city was aflame with enthusiasm and wild with shouts for Hughes, Robinson and the Republican ticket, from 7 o'clock in the evening until long after midnight.

Approximately three thousand men turned out to parade, and in addition to this vast number of marchers there was one hundred and fifty-five automobiles in line, and all of them loaded to capacity. Each marcher carried a stock of red fire in one hand and an American flag in the other, and on the lapel of his coat wore a badge bearing the words, "We March for Republican Protection and Prosperity."

The spectacle was a most impressive one. In the line of march were scores of Wheeling's leading business and professional men, marching along side of the men employed in their mills and factories. Many of these men never before took active part in a political demonstration.

E. Meade Whippo, of Pennsylvania, whose particular line of activity in the present campaign has been to travel about America and observe political demonstrations for the National committee, said:

"Outside the city of New York I have seen nothing in this campaign to equal your demonstration here for the Republican party."

The American Republican club, the Babcock Blues and the Lincoln club, all of Pittsburgh, and aggregating more than five hundred men, came to Wheeling on a special train and appeared in the line of march.

The great bulk of the procession was composed of the men who work in the steel mills, foundries, glass plants and potteries of the Wheeling district. They marched under the banners of the plants in which they are employed and literally burned into the minds of the thousands of onlookers that they stand for a protective tariff. This was done by great transparencies illuminated by red fire, and some of which were more elaborately illuminated by electricity. These banners carried such inscriptions as follows:

"WE WANT HIGHER, PEACE AND PERMANENT PROSPERITY."

"WE MUST HAVE A PROTECTIVE TARIFF AT THE CLOSE OF THE WAR."

"ROBINSON—HE IS RIGHT."

"WHO CHANGED UNCLE SAM INTO UNCLE SHAM?—WILSON."

"WE WANT NO MORE DISHRAG DIPLOMACY."

The parade moved over a route three miles long, and then with undying enthusiasm hundreds in the line of march kept on moving until they had marched over the streets in the business dis-

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FORT VAUX AGAIN IN HANDS OF FRENCH

All the Sacrifices of the
Crown Prince Were
Made in Vain.

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, Nov. 3.—The French occupied Fort Vaux last evening after waiting for the succession of great explosions inside the fort to stop the war office said today. The fort evacuated by the Germans yesterday went again into possession of France without loss.

The Germans gave up the fort, the statement says, as result of violent French bombardment and the gradual closing in of French troops. The rain of Verdun fort is now re-est. and is held firmly by the French.

POLITICAL ADVERTISING

Congressman Neely
Will address the Citizens of
Fairmont and vicinity at the

OPERA HOUSE
Tomorrow Evening at 8:00
o'clock

Members of all parties and the
ladies are invited to attend.
COMMITTEE.

THE BUSINESS ASPECT

(An Editorial.)

BY far the most important aspect of the alliance between Gang government in Marion county and bootlegging and vice is the menace to the moral welfare of the community which it involves. But there are other points about it that are worthy of the earnest consideration of any citizen who wants to do his full duty when he enters the election booth Tuesday.

For instance, the material progress of the county is also affected adversely. In the past few months Fairmont and the county have been acquiring an evil reputation throughout the country. The city is known as "wide open," as a place where liquor may be obtained for the asking and the drink habit is so prevalent that many workmen are no longer to be depended upon to be regular at their employment. At a time when a sincere effort is being made to build up the town nothing could be more harmful than such reports.

Manufacturers do not build plants at points where the labor supply is unreliable. Men with families do not come to live in a town where street walkers are a conspicuous feature of the street scenes and the municipal government is known to be the abject creature of Gang bosses who do not hesitate to make that government a contemptible thing in the eyes of the public whenever it suits their purposes to do so.

Nor is capital attracted to a city in which the people are known to be unable to conduct their own affairs. Capital goes to places where the government is strong, intelligent, honest and efficient, for it has learned by experience that where these qualities do not exist there is no guarantee that a "hold up" of some kind will not be attempted.

The Gang that dominates Marion county and wastes the public funds, incidentally feathering its own nest, cares little for these considerations. So long as the taxpayers can be persuaded to put up enough money each year to keep the henchmen satisfied it does not care what happens to the industrial prospects of the community. Let well enough alone is the motto of the corruptionist and the grafter the country over—well enough meaning any condition, no matter how rotten, which permits gang government to continue unmolested. The Gang expects people to vote a straight ticket with a mark under the emblem of the party whose national policy they favor, and thus keep them in office no matter what the condition of the home government. Can you blame it? Year after year the voters have been fulfilling its fondest expectations, and year by year the local government has been growing worse until now it is a crying shame both as to its moral shortcomings and its financial excesses.

The spirit of partisanship to which this condition is due is based upon a complete misunderstanding of the purposes of party government. A vote for a prosecuting attorney who refuses to prosecute; who puts off the trial of cases in such a wholesale manner that it is necessary to close the courts as was done last month, has absolutely no influence upon the results for the head of the ticket upon which he is running. Indeed, from the standpoint of enlightened and efficient partisanship it would be better to bring about the defeat of candidates whom it is known will have no regard for the sanctity of their oaths of office and will in other ways reflect discredit upon the party. When it is understood that incompetents and crooks cannot be elected it will be impossible for such men to secure nominations. In the end the whole organization would be strengthened by that wholesome influence.

In the election which will occur Tuesday the issue is clean cut. It is a question of the moral and material welfare on the one hand and the encouragement of bootlegging and vice on the other. A victory for good government means a better outlook for the industrial and commercial prosperity of Fairmont and Marion county. A vote for the other side means business stagnation with living conditions becoming progressively worse. No community can really prosper; it certainly cannot progress in a permanent way unless its government is at least respectable. This cannot be claimed for the county and city in which we live. These governments condone the very things to combat which we erect schools and churches. But the bitterest fact about the whole humiliating situation is that the Gang would not dare to do what it does if it did not have the active cooperation of men who like to feel that they are substantial citizens, high in their churches and leaders in everything that makes for advancement. There never was a worse example of moral false pretense. This is a matter that is right here among ourselves. It is a family matter, so to speak, and it ought to be easy to reduce it to terms which admit of no misunderstanding. When we are honest about it we all know that there is something radically wrong with either the intelligence or the conscience of the man who will support with his vote a Gang which first closes its eyes to law violations and then closes the courts.

Through a fortunate circumstance the tickets which will be presented to the voters on Tuesday make the choice between right and wrong a simple one. The Republican candidates stand for the side of progress and clean living. The Democratic candidates stand for the opposite condition. Need we say more to intelligent and clean minded voters in the way of advice as to what they should do when they go to the polls on Tuesday—to the election place where every man is the equal of every other man and can make his will count just as much in the final result if he wants to; to the booth where he is alone with his conscience and in the presence of the most sacred duty which our civilization and the form of government under which we live imposes upon us?

Caterpillar Tractor For American Army

(By Associated Press)
SAN ANTONIO, Nov. 3.—A caterpillar tractor of the type used by the British for "tanks" or armored cars will be placed in the Big Bend district along the Mexican border where there are no roads it was announced at army headquarters.

The tractor consists of an engine and four trailers and has a carrying capacity of 100,000 pounds.

B. & O. Places Big Box Car Order

BALTIMORE, Nov. 3.—The Baltimore and Ohio railroad has placed an order for 2,000 box cars supplementing a contract for 1,000 cars placed a short time ago it was stated today by officials.

Put some new blood in the country government and stop the favoritism. Elect Republican candidates.



THE RURAL VOTER: "I thought you were going to cut that weed down instead of helping it grow."

NEW GAS LINE WILL FEED THE FACTORIES

M. V. T. Co. Plan Half Mile
of Ten Inch Main to
Improve Service.

One half mile of ten inch gas main, perfecting a link in the main that feeds all the factories on the Belt Line, the First ward and the Owens Bottle factory, will be laid in the next few weeks by the Monongahela Valley Traction company. An appropriation of \$5,000 has been made for the improvement and work will be started as soon as a few bits of right of way are secured.

The new main is to be laid from the regular house on Cleveland avenue to the Baltimore and Ohio tracks on the bank of the Monongahela river where the eight inch main feeding the Belt Line factories branches off.

The line now forming this connection is a six inch main and has been called upon to furnish the gas drawn away by the eight inch Belt Line main in addition to supplying the six inch pipe that continues on across the river. The cross the river line furnishes domestic gas for the First ward as well as much of the fuel used at the Owens plant.

With the new ten inch line in operation, the pressure in both the Belt Line and the First ward mains will be considerably increased, and a greatly improved and more uniform service offered the manufacturing district of the city.

DEMS AFRAID TO BACK CORNWELL

Harrison County Republicans
Post Several Big
Betting Offers.

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian)
CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Nov. 3.—There was posted at the Clarksburg Telegraph office today an offer to bet on the election results at follows: \$2,000 that Hughes will carry the state; \$2,000 that he will be elected; \$2,000 that he will carry Harrison county; \$2,000 that Robinson will carry the state; \$1,000 that Morris will be elected prosecuting attorney of Harrison county; \$1,000 that Sutherland will be elected. "Anybody can get all or any part of this offer," reads the announcement.

Several wealthy local Republicans are behind this offer. A Fairmont paper announcing that there was \$2,000 in a certain bank in that city to bet on Cornwell. Clarksburgers sent a messenger to cover it. He was unable to locate the money and about \$2,000 ready to be wagered on Cornwell but after skimming around among Fairmont Democrats he managed to get a bet up for \$500 with them that Judge Robinson will carry the state.

Up till several days ago there was a good deal of betting here. But Wilson and Cornwell money hasn't been in sight since Hughes and Robinson men having backed it into hiding.

THREE COUNTY MEETINGS WILL BE HELD TONIGHT

Intense Interest Shown by
Voters of County in
Local Issues.

Enthusiasm and intense interest is being shown throughout the county in the school house meetings that are being held under the direction of the Republican county speakers' bureau and during the last few days the addresses have been made to crowded houses.

Democrats as well as Republicans have turned out to hear the speakers on county issues, and Chairman Morgan of the bureau, states that throughout the county there is a concerted movement of the Democrats to chastise the present county administration and that more scratched tickets will be voted by the Democrats at this election than ever before.

Tonight meetings will be held at Benton's Ferry, Barnstow and Dent's run. The speakers scheduled for each place are as follows:

Friday, November 3. Benton's Ferry—Harry Shaw, A. O. Stanley, Brooks Hutchinson. Hammond—J. A. Meredith, R. J. Conley. Barnstow—W. S. Meredith, M. W. Ogden, Paul Armstrong, J. M. Jacobs. Dent's Run—E. M. Showalter, M. C. Lough, French McCray.

Saturday, November 4. Catawba—R. J. Conley, J. A. Meredith. Eldora—M. C. Lough, E. M. Showalter, French McCray. Paul Armstrong. Samaria (Shaw school)—A. O. Stanley. Harry Shaw, J. M. Jacobs, Brooks S. Hutchinson.

BOOZE SPECIALS ON THE C. & O. RAILROAD

Liquor Will Not Be Permitted
on the Regular
Trains Hereafter.

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian)

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Nov. 3.—An order was issued by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad company today announcing the installation of two special trains beginning tomorrow in which persons carrying labelled whiskey will be permitted to travel on.

The regular trains passengers will not be allowed to carry intoxicants the new trains known as "booze specials" will operate Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between Charleston and Ashland, Ky.

No person will be permitted to carry more than one suit case full of whiskey. The cases must not be more than eight inches wide thirteen inches high and two feet in length.

MAY HAVE ELOPED WITH MORMON ELDER

Miss Edith Leeds, Student
at W. V. U. Leaves for
Utah.

Miss Edith Leeds, aged 18, daughter of Attorney C. H. Leeds, of this city, and a student for the past three years at West Virginia university at Morgantown, is thought to have eloped last evening with a Mormon elder of Springfield, Utah.

The Mormon elder has been at Morgantown for sometime past and while there made the acquaintance of Miss Leeds, the elopement resulting. The father of the girl knew nothing this afternoon when asked concerning the affair. He stated that his daughter came here yesterday on the noon train and left yesterday evening again for Morgantown.

Reports from Morgantown are to the effect that Miss Leeds got off the 5 o'clock train there yesterday evening and purchased a ticket to Springfield, Utah, again boarded the same train and went to Pittsburgh. The Mormon elder had left the day previous for Chicago where he will likely await the arrival of Miss Leeds.

The Mormon elders had been holding services at Sabraon for several months during which time Miss Leeds was known to have met her intended husband on several occasions.

Judge Wilkinson Quits the Bench

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian)
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Nov. 3.—Judge John B. Wilkinson, of Logan, who has been judge of the Seventh Judicial circuit composed of the counties of Logan, Wayne and Boone, tendered his resignation yesterday to Governor Henry D. Hatfield to take effect at once. Announcement was made at the governor's office today of the appointment of Hon. P. S. Papier, of Wayne, who will fill the vacancy. Judge Wilkinson is one of the nominees of the Democratic party for Judge of the Supreme Court.

The Weather

West Virginia—Fair tonight and Saturday; warmer Saturday in west portion tonight.

LOCAL WEATHER READINGS
Temperature at 8 a. m. today 30. Yesterday's weather clear; temperature, maximum 68; minimum 29; precipitation none.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The 1916 tax books are now completed and ready for collection. The books for all Districts will be found at the Sheriff's Office daily until Nov. 30th, the close of the discount period except Mannington district, which will be found at the Bank of Mannington. Please pay today as I have more time to wait on you now than later.

C. D. CONAWAY, Sheriff

BANNER AGAIN AN OUTLAW

Permit for Wilson
Club Streamer
Ran Out Last
Night

NO RENEWAL ASKED

Had Right to Fly for Thirty
Days From October
3rd.

The banner in front of the Wilson club lost its license at midnight last night but at a late hour this afternoon it was still flying although no renewal had been granted. As a matter of fact no steps had been taken to make application for a renewal. The people who run the Wilson club and who dragged the weak Gang bossed city government into amending the city ordinance so as to permit the banner to be put up probably figure that having compelled the Mayor to go along thus far he will not have the spirit to make them take the banner down even though it is now flying without authority.

After the city ordinance was amended to make it possible for the Mayor to grant a permit for the banner the following application was filed:

To The Honorable Anthony Bowen, Mayor of the City of Fairmont, West Virginia:

The undersigned hereby make application for a permit to place a banner or streamer, bearing the legend, "The Wilson Club Headquarters" across Main or Adams street from the old First National Bank Residence to the Fairmont Trust Company building, having secured proper authority from said property owners to attach the same to said structures, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 25 passed by the Board of Affairs Oct. 2d, 1916, for a period of 30 days.

The undersigned agrees to erect, maintain and remove said banner or streamer in such manner as not to injure any person or thing and agrees to compensate any person for any damage which may be sustained on account of the said banner or streamer.

Dated at Fairmont, West Virginia, this 3d day of October, 1916.

THE WILSON CLUB,

By BIRCH LEE BUTCHER.

On the bottom of this paper the Mayor penned the following permit: "The above application for a permit this day considered by me and permit granted subject to revocation at any time. Given under my hand this 3d Oct., 1916. Anthony Bowen, Mayor of the city of Fairmont, W. Va."

There were thirty-one days in October, so this permit expired at midnight last night. Thus another mystery has been added to the local campaign. What is the Mayor going to do about it? It is, however, not a very deep mystery, like what becomes of the \$14,000 that is spent for the keep of the poor? Every one knows that the Mayor will do nothing about it unless by another strange quirk in the Democratic campaign plans like the one which prompted the orders from Democratic headquarters for the arrest of Lawrence Holbert, the Democratic campaign worker who assaulted a Republican candidate in Grant district, the Mayor should be told to make the Wilson club take the banner down.

That might happen, for the banner has done no good to the Democratic cause and has done a lot of harm. It is not going to do the Democrats much good to have it hanging there on election day, advertising the kind of respect the Democratic organization has for law and order.

LABORERS 28c Per Hour

New Normal School grounds,
Locust Avenue.

NOTICE

City taxes are now due and payable at the City Treasurer's Office, Monroe street. A discount of 2 1/2% will be allowed.

J. R. MILLER,
Treasurer.